

CLAIMS

In the claims:

- 1 1. A method of providing monetary credits to a guest at a coverage area,
2 comprising:
3 receiving payment from said guest for said monetary credits;
4 reading an identification tag worn by said guest to obtain a tag identifier;
5 accessing a guest data object using said tag identifier; and
6 modifying information related to monetary credits in a data field of a guest data
7 object based on an amount of said payment.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein receiving said payment is by a credit
2 card.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein receiving said payment is by a debit
2 card.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein receiving said payment is by cash.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein said identification tag comprises a radio
2 frequency identification (RFID) tag.
- 1 6. The method of claim 5, wherein reading said identification tag comprises
2 using an RFID reader to read said guest identifier from said RFID tag.
- 1 7. The method of claim 1, wherein modifying said monetary credits
2 information comprises a processor modifying said monetary credit information stored in
3 said data field of said guest data object.

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1 8. The method of claim 1, further comprising transmitting said tag identifier
2 and said payment amount from a service terminal or kiosk system to a central server by
3 way of a communications link.

1 9. The method of claim 8, further comprising transmitting credit card
2 information from said service terminal or kiosk system to said central server by way of
3 said communications link.

1 10. The method of claim 9, further comprising:
2 transmitting a digital photograph information of said guest from said service
3 terminal or kiosk system to said central server by way of said communications link; and
4 writing said digital photograph information in a second data field of said guest
5 data object.

1 11. A system for purchasing monetary credits for making monetary
2 transactions within a coverage area, comprising:
3 a reader to read a tag identifier stored in an identification tag worn by a guest at
4 said coverage area;
5 an input device to receive information related to a payment for said monetary
6 credits;
7 a network interface to communicate with a central server; and
8 a processor to cause a transmission of said tag identifier and said payment
9 information to said central server by way of said network interface.

1 12. The system of claim 11, wherein said reader comprises a radio frequency
2 identification (RFID) reader.

1 13. The system of claim 11, wherein said input device comprises a keyboard.

1 14. The system of claim 11, wherein said input device comprises a touch
2 screen input device.

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1 15. The system of claim 11, further comprising a display for displaying
2 information related to the purchase of said monetary credits.

1 16. The system of claim 11, further comprising a printer for generating
2 documents containing information related to the purchase of said monetary credits.

1 17. The system of claim 11, further comprising a digital camera for taking a
2 digital photograph of said guest and wherein said processor is capable of transmitting said
3 digital photograph of said guest to said central server by way of said network interface.

1 18. The system of claim 11, further comprising a credit or debit card reader
2 to read information from a credit or debit card, and wherein said processor is capable of
3 transmitting said credit or debit card information to said central server by way of said
4 network interface.

1 19. A central server to facilitate transactions within a coverage area,
2 comprising:
3 a non-volatile memory to store a guest data object including a first data field
4 containing information related to monetary credits;
5 a network interface to communicate with a service terminal or kiosk system; and
6 a processor to receive information related to a guest of said coverage area and
7 information related to an amount of monetary credits to be purchased from said service
8 terminal or kiosk system by way of said network interface, and to modify said monetary
9 credits information based on said amount of monetary credits information.

1 20. The central server of claim 19, wherein said guest data object further
2 includes a second data field to contain information related to credit or debit card
3 information of said guest.

1 21. The central server of claim 19, wherein said guest data object further
2 includes a second data field containing information related to a digital photograph of said
3 guest.

1 22. A guest data object stored in a memory comprising a first data field
2 containing information related to monetary credits useful for making monetary
3 transactions within a coverage area.

1 23. The guest data object of claim 22, further comprising a second data field
2 containing information related to credit or debit card information of said guest.

1 24. The guest data object of claim 23, further comprising a third data field
2 containing information related to a digital photograph of said guest.

1 25. A data structure stored in a memory defining a first data field for
2 containing information related to an monetary credits useful for making monetary
3 transactions within a coverage area.

1 26. The data structure of claim 25, further defining a second data field
2 containing information related to credit or debit card information of said guest.

1 27. The data structure of claim 25, further defining a second data field
2 containing information related to a digital photograph of said guest.

1 28. A method of selling monetary credits to a guest at a coverage area,
2 comprising:
3 receiving payment from said guest for said monetary credits; and
4 updating information related to monetary credits stored in a tag worn by said
5 guest.

1 29. The method of claim 28, wherein said tag further includes information
2 related to an identity of said guest.

1 30. The method of claim 28, wherein said tag comprises a radio frequency
2 identification (RFID) tag.

1 31. A point-of-sale (POS) system, comprising:
2 an input device to receive information related to an amount of monetary credits to
3 be purchased by a guest within a coverage area;
4 a reader/writer to read and modify information related to monetary credits for
5 making monetary transaction within a coverage area stored in a tag worn by a guest; and
6 a processor to receive said information related to said amount of monetary credits
7 to be purchased and to cause said reader/writer to modify said information related to said
8 monetary credits based on said information related to said amount of monetary credits to
9 be purchased.

1 32. The point-of-sale (POS) system of claim 31, wherein said reader/writer
2 comprises a radio frequency identification (RFID) reader/writer.